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In re Patent Application of)
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Andrew Rainis, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1621
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Application No.: 10/047,015) Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: January 15, 2002)
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For: Use of Oxygen Analysis by GC-AED for)
Control of Fischer-Tropsch Process and)
Product Blending)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL FILING DATE

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In response to the Official Filing Receipt dated February 13, 2002, (a copy of which is enclosed), Applicants respectfully petition that the original filing date of the above-referenced application be corrected to January 15, 2002. The Official Filing Receipt incorrectly lists a filing date of January 14, 2002, instead of the correct filing date of January 15, 2002.

Applicants respectfully submit that all items required for a complete application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (i.e., a specification containing description pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.71, at least one claim pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.75, and any drawing required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.81(a)) were filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2002, by Express Mail. In particular, the following documents are enclosed, which indicate that the application papers were filed by Express Mail on January 15, 2002:

- (1) a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal Letter signed and dated on January 15, 2002, by the submitting attorney and including a certificate of mailing indicating that the paper was deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail service on January 15, 2002,
- (2) a copy of the Express Mail Label deposited with the United States Postal Service including a postmark of January 15, 2002; and
- (3) a copy of the postcard deposited with the Patent and Trademark Office to indicate what was filed, which was dated by the Applicant on January 15, 2002.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submit that the filing date of January 15, 2002, is the correct filing date. Applicants respectfully submit that the Express Mail label contains an incorrect handwritten date in of January 14, 2002, which caused the postcard deposited with the Patent and Trademark Office to be incorrectly date stamped with January 14, 2002. In view of the January 15, 2002 postmark on the Express Mail label and the January 15, 2002 certificate of mailing, Applicants respectfully request that the correct filing date of January 15, 2002 be granted in the above-referenced patent application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), to charge any additional fees that may be required, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. It is requested that this petition fee be refunded since no defect exists in the originally filed application; a separate request for refund is submitted herewith. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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